

## Quarterly Report<sup>1</sup>

**Organization:** Global Communities

**Name of Project:** Knowledge and Risk Reduction Program

**Agreement No.** AID-OFDA-A-14-00026

**Country:** Colombia

**Site(s) / Location(s):** Medellín, Antioquia

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	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (to date) Period			
	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
<b>All</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sector 1 SS 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sector 1 SS 2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sector 2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sector 3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

0Note: The total number of beneficiaries is different than the sum of all sectors due the following reasons: the 200 beneficiaries for SS2 and Sector3 are the same; the 1,000 beneficiaries for SS1 are included in the 7,920 for SS2, which also includes the beneficiaries of the 50 housing improvements.

### SECTOR 1: Risk Management Policy and Practices<sup>2</sup>

**SUB-SECTORS:** Policy and Planning

<b>Indicator 1:</b> Percentage of members of the community who are involved in the design and implementation of projects	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for the life of the project:</b> 10%	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 2:</b> Scale of involvement by community-based organizations in the design and implementation of the DRR project	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 5	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Save The Children

<sup>2</sup> This report only includes indicators that will be reported on throughout the life of the program. All other indicators will be reported on at the end of the program and be included in the final report.



<b>Indicator 3:</b> Scale of local government involvement in the DRR project	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 5	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 4:</b> Number of people participating in discussions regarding national risk reduction strategies as a result of the program, disaggregated by gender	<b>Target this quarter:</b>	<b>Progress this quarter:</b>	<b>Cumulative Target:</b>	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b>	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 1,000	<b>% of progress towards target:</b>
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 5:</b> Number of communities and stakeholders involved in the development of plans, policies, and strategies.	<b>Target this quarter:</b>	<b>Progress this quarter:</b>	<b>Cumulative Target:</b>	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b>	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 48	<b>% of progress towards target:</b>
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

## **SECTOR 1: Risk Management Policy and Practices**

### **SUB-SECTOR: Public-Private Partnerships**

<b>Indicator 1:</b> Number of private sector partners to supporting DRR activities in Medellin	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 20	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 2:</b> Number of private sector businesses engaged in response or DRR-related activities as a result of this program.	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 220	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 3:</b> Percentage of businesses in the target business category in the program area incorporated into project activities.	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 33%	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

**Brief Sector Narrative:** In order to meet the work plan and M&E target, all indicators were verified to be appropriate for measuring program outputs and outcomes, identifying the source of information for the creation of the baseline. In addition to information obtained in censuses or municipal offices, the CRRP team (Global Communities, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, FENALCO and Corporacion Ayuda Humanitaria), designed and implemented three surveys to be undertaken in the target neighborhoods. The first and largest was aimed at the general community, where 513 people over 18 years of age living in the CRRP Program's intervention neighborhoods were surveyed. A large majority of survey respondents were women (78.17%) and the rest (21.83%) were men. The second survey was directed at the Market Systems Rehabilitation sub-sector and the third survey was aimed at existing grassroots

organizations in the neighborhoods, including the Neighborhood Emergency Committees and Community Action boards, with 15 groups surveyed, of which 9 were located in commune 8, and 6 in commune 1.

## SECTOR 2: Shelter and Settlements

### SUB-SECTORS: Shelter and Settlements Hazards Mitigation

<b>Indicator 1:</b> Percentage of trained people that retain DRR knowledge 3 and 6 months after training	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 90%	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 2:</b> Number of shelters incorporating DRR measures	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 50	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

**Brief Sector Narrative:** In the first quarter, the CRRP team has focused on defining the strategy and policies for establishing which households may participate in the activities proposed for this sector. To accomplish this we have met with key municipal and neighborhood stakeholders such as ISVIMED (Social Housing Institute of Medellín) and the EDU (Medellín's Public Urban Development Company). From our initial meetings, and building on the design of our proposal, it is clear that initially we will seek to support those households that have been determined to require preventive evacuations, but for whom there is no funding from ISVIMED. In addition, meetings with the EDU have also identified a group of households who will need to be displaced as part of EDU's DRR-oriented public works programs<sup>3</sup> in Comuna 8, but for whom there is no funding. Some of the criteria that may help define the group of beneficiary households include rating the vulnerability of the family structure and the vulnerability of their homes' construction condition.

## SECTOR 3: Economic recovery and market systems

### SUB-SECTOR: Market System Rehabilitation

<b>Indicator 1:</b> Total number of critical market actors (e.g., producers, suppliers, traders, processors) directly assisted through market system rehabilitation activities.	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> 200	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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**Notes:** During the first quarter, the work plan, monitoring plan and project baseline were produced.

<b>Indicator 2:</b> Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	<b>Target this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Progress this quarter:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative Target:</b> 0	<b>Cumulative progress to date:</b> 0	<b>Target for life of project:</b> \$8,000	<b>% of progress towards target:</b> 0
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### Brief Sector Narrative:

<sup>3</sup> Cinturon Verde and the Jardín Circunvalar are ambitious public works projects that will create a "greenbelt" of walking and biking paths to serve as an physical upper limit of construction on the mountainsides surrounding Medellín and also a green public space for these marginalized communities and the rest of the city.

For this sector, as mentioned initially, we administered a survey to 318 traders and individuals or households that carry out any commercial activity in the neighborhood. Also, in the surveys given to households, there were questions on key consumer habits that will help us understand the location's commercial dynamics and supply sources. Looking at the number of surveys per neighborhood, 48 were achieved in El Compromiso, 86 in Santo Domingo Savio No. 1, 80 in Llanaditas and 104 in El Pinal, with the latter being the neighborhood with the most commercial activity, with 32.71% of the total.

#### **Key Outputs:**

The main results for the period relate to completing the structuring of the work plans, Monitoring and Evaluation and baseline creation. Three surveys were designed in the process, according to the type of beneficiary (general community, community based organizations and small businesses) and were implemented in the program's four intervention neighborhoods.

#### **Analysis of Progress:**

Activities implemented in the latest quarter match expectations from our programmatic work plan. We have submitted deliverables such as the M&E Plan, baseline and work plan. In addition, we also were able to establish contact with the city's institutions that are involved in the issue of DRR, report on the project and planning formal presentations with them, as well as link the interests of each office with those of the project. Moreover, we successfully brought onboard two operators (UPB and FENALCO), moved into an office, and hired staff to complete the team. Actual programmatic expenses in the latest quarter match planned expenditures.

#### **Collaboration/Coordination:**

The process for the quarter was based on planning. We have heard what organizations such as the EDU (Urban Development Company) have been doing in the city, specifically in the project's four neighborhoods, with significant results where there is a lot of interest in collaborating and participating under MOUs, as well as with the ISVIMED or DAGRD, among others. We have identified gaps in the scope that these organizations have with regard to their programs' coverage, as is the case with housing improvements located within the project's geography that have been identified as candidates for intervention instead of permanent evacuation.

#### **New Developments:**

At present, there have not been any specific problems regarding the general structure presented in the project, but there have been issues regarding the operation strategies, which should be adjusted taking into account the knowledge gained on the ground. For example, in relation to calling community meetings: experience shows us that in order to achieve greater success in spreading awareness of and participation in the program, broader community meetings should be complemented with targeted meetings with community and neighborhood groups and CSOs in their offices.

Furthermore, based on the knowledge that has been acquired in meetings with the city's institutions, we have identified an exciting opportunity for new/different approaches to mitigation works than those identified in the proposal. In meeting with DAGRD and EDU, we identified the possibility of bioengineering mitigation works through soil and slope controls. These works do not necessarily resort to concrete structures as the solution, but instead use more environmentally friendly solutions that can be developed by the community and also generate production or consumer activities within the community.

#### **Challenges:**

The program's design was carried out during the quarter under the scope presented in the proposal, with no changes. Active implementation of main program activities will begin in the second quarter, providing greater basis for assessing whether there will be any changes in programmatic design, budget, etc. Any such changes will be reported in a timely manner.

#### **Key activities for the upcoming quarter:**

**SS1:** Participatory mapping and identification of risk scenarios with CBOs, and working groups with representatives of the households and small businesses.

**SS2:** Creation of databases of potential private sector partners.

**SS3:** Define the criteria for the selection of the 50 improvements and the design studies to be undertaken, with their corresponding data sources and validation tools.

**SS4:** Finalizing EMMA and consolidation of the relevant market assessment to identify "critical market" businesses and undertake differentiated strategies for continuity plans.

**Other:**

Overall, in meetings with institutions the impression has been given, but not directly stated, that during this period prior to the municipal elections in 2015, the offices in many cases will limit themselves to achieving their own plans and will not generally have an interest in taking on new challenges, hence the issue of project presentations and reaching agreements becomes of vital importance. Nevertheless, their interest remains unabated in terms of keeping their commitments, sharing information and participating in the project's strategies, which are ultimately aimed at the community.

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**Systematization:** Based on the matrix provided (Systematization-questions), answer the questions that correspond to the current phase of the project implementation.

<b>Cross-Cutting Issues</b>	<b>Pre-Project</b>	<b>Sensitization</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Post-Project</b>
<b>Participation</b>			The community has thus far shown limited response to calls for general meetings related to the program. Therefore, we propose to call the meetings directly with CSOs and CBOs in the targeted neighborhoods and hold them at the work / meeting places of the community based organizations		
<b>Governance</b>			The municipal authorities have shown interest in linking the actions of their programs with the CRRP program. Even local government offices that do not work directly on issues of DRR, have decided to support the program on points where they coincide.		
<b>Social Inclusion</b>			The Medellín Solidaria Program, which leads strategies for overcoming poverty in Medellín, will take part in the CRRP with families identified as having shortcomings in the dimension of Habitability.		
<b>Sustainability</b>			Efforts are made toward opportunities for collaboration with the DAGRD, in order to institutionalize the Neighborhood approach in creating knowledge on DRR.		